AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

32. (Currently amended) An element for electrically connecting an electrode connected to a lamp to a wire having an exterior sheath and a conductive core, comprising:

a body having first arms for pressing and securing the wire, said body further having second arms for pressing and securing the conductive core; and

a clamping part having a snap-fit part with a slot extending substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp such that the lamp is snap-fitted by pressing the lamp into the slot substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp and the clamping part integrally extending at an angle from said body, said clamping part for ~~pressing and~~ securing an end of said lamp and the electrode of said lamp.

33. (Currently Amended) An element according to claim 32, wherein said ~~lamp clamps are~~ slot is dimensioned to snap-fit with the electrode.

34. (Original) An element according to claim 32, wherein said clamping part extends at an angle of 90 degrees from said body.

35. (Original) An element according to claim 32, wherein said body is solderable.

36. (Original) A device according to claim 35, wherein said first arms can clinch the wire such that solder is prevented from flowing up the conductive core.

37. (Currently amended) A device for connecting an electrode from a lamp to a wire having a conductive core, comprising:

an elongated body comprised of a conductive material, said body having a first pair of arms positioned to meet the wire and a second pair of arms positioned to meet the conductive core, wherein said first pair of arms can clinch the wire, and wherein said second pair of arms can bend to clinch the conductive core;

a clamp that is integral with, and angularly extends from, said body; and

a clamping structure that is integral with, and angularly extends from, said clamp, said clamping structure having a slotted opening extending substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp and dimensioned to snap-fit with the electrode such that the lamp is snap-fitted by pressing the lamp into the slotted opening substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the lamp, wherein the electrode and the lamp are fixed by the clamp and the clamping structure.

38. (Original) A device according to claim 37, wherein said clamp angularly extends at substantially 90 degrees from said body.

39. (Original) A device according to claim 37, wherein said clamping structure angularly extends at substantially 90 degrees from said clamp.

40. (Original) A device according to claim 39, wherein said clamping structure and said body are substantially parallel.

41. (Original) A device according to claim 37, wherein said body is solderable.

42. (Original) A device according to claim 37, wherein said first pair of arms can clinch the wire to prevent solder from flowing up the wire.